

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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SACRAMENTO, CA 95814



PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

CAD980636120

Purex Corporation Turco Products
6135 South Central Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90001

Background

The site at 6135 South Central Avenue in Los Angeles was one of several Turco Products plants operating during the 1950s. The plant was devoted to chemical mixing and formulation of industrial cleaning compounds. File material from the Los Angeles County Engineer indicated monthly water use at the plant of 1,000 gallons, 350 of which were reported used in the manufacture of products. No other regulatory agencies contacted have retained files regarding the Purex operation. Purex filed a CERCLA notification for the site because some spillage may have occurred there during product handling. After 1959, the facility was used by a steel fabricator and then left vacant. In 1976 it was destroyed by fire. Two years later the site was purchased for use as a parking lot by Eskimo Radiator. Presently the site is fenced; most of the site is used as a parking lot. There is a drum storage area adjacent to the parking lot. Wastes produced by Eskimo Radiator are stored in the drums, then hauled for disposal at a Class I site.

Recommendation

No further action is necessary regarding the Purex (Turco) facility. The present operator is a "small generator" regulated by the Southern California Section of the California Department of Health Services, Toxic Substances Control Division.

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Region 9**

Preparer's Name Erich Linse

Date January 30, 1984

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
1. Site ID Number	ERRIS	CAD980636120
2. Site Name	ERRIS	Purex Corp. Turco Products
3. Site Location	ERRIS	6135 South Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90001
4. County	ERRIS	Los Angeles
5. Owner (Address & telephone no.)	Interview (phone) with Raleigh G. Waller 6309 S. Central Los Angeles	Current owners: Raleigh and Jim Waller 6309 South Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90001 (213) 232-4931 Also see attachment
6. Operator (Address & telephone no.)	Drive-by 1/25/84	Current operator: Eskimo Radiator Mfg. Co. 6309 South Central Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90001 (213) 232-4931 (also see attachment)
7. Type of Ownership	Same as 5	Private
8. Status	Drive-by 1/25/84	No longer active for manufacturing or blending-current active storage.
9. Source Activity	2/9/55 letter to W. Fox	Spills during chemical blending
10. Years of Operation	Interview with R. G. Waller & CERCLA notis	Storage since 1978 chemical blend- ing 1951-59
11. Facility Type	Drive-by 1/25/84 CERLA Notis	Current: Drums above ground Past: Drums & tanks for product processing
12. Waste Type and Description	Phone call Mr. R. G. Waller 6309 S. Central L. A., CA 90001 CERLA notis	Current: 1. Trichloroethane, soluble oils, kerosene 2. Hydrobromic based flux Past: Solvents, acids, & bases-spills during handling & processing

13. **Contacts** Mr. Rick Walls, Los Angeles County of Engineers, Department of Sanitation, 550 S. Vermont Ave., 3rd Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90020, (213) 738-2533; Mr. Raleigh G. Waller (son of owner of Eskimo Radiator), 6309 South Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90001, (213) 232-4931.

14. **Incidents**

The building at 6135 South Central was destroyed by fire in 1978. Reported by Mr. Waller during telephone interview.

Fire and Explosion ☐ Direct Contact ☐

15. **Inspections (date, type, by whom, recommendations)**

Fire inspections were reported by Mr. Waller, but he did not remember specifics. Eskimo Radiator frequently violated regulations limiting pH and heavy metal concentrations of liquid wastes poured into the sewer. (Notes from City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation files.)

No inspection records found concerning Purex/Turco.

16. **Enforcement History (list date, type of action, requirements, outcome)**

Regarding current occupant:

Fines were generally \$100 per violation.

Violations -- Please see table of violations (in ERRIS file)

No enforcement history for Purex/Turco.

17.a. **Initial recommendation for further action:**

No further action.

17.b. **EPA recommendation for further action:**

Concur - Paul La Courage 5-22-84
appears there has not been a big waste problem on-site. Facility has been destroyed & paid over. new facility on site is small generator, regulated by CDDs.
NOTES form submitted was probably a cautious move by Purex.

18. **Response Termination:** ☐ No Further Action ☐ Pending ☐ Active

Justification:

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
19. Observed Release		
20. Depth to Aquifer		
21. Net Precipitation Net seas, rainfall Evaporation		
22. Permeability of Unsaturated Zone		
23. Physical State		
24. Containment (Ground Water)		
25. Toxicity		
26. Persistence		
27. Waste Quantity		
28. Ground Water Use		
29. Distance to Well		
30. Population Served (by Ground Water)		

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
31. Facility Slope		
32. 1 yr. 24 hr. rainfall		
33. Distance to Surface Water		
34. Containment (Surface Water)		
35. Surface Water Use		
36. Distance to Sensi- tive Environment		
37. Population Served (by Surface Water)		
38. Distance to Water Intake		
39. Reactivity		
40. Incompatibility		
41. Toxicity (Air)		
42. Population within 4 mile radius		
43. Land Use		

	SOURCE	INFORMATION
5.	(213) 232-4931 CERLA Notis (8900-1)	Former owner: Purex Corporation 5101 Clark Avenue Lakewood, CA 90712
6.	CERLA Notis (8900-1)	Former operator: Purex Corporation 5101 Clark Avenue Lakewood, CA 90712